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6. [redacted] Briefed J. Russell Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate Appropriations Committee; and Robert Michaels, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on what we know about

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the [redacted] case, emphasizing that despite press speculation our hands are entirely clean. Also attempted to reach Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, but he was unavailable throughout the day. Mr. Blandford remarked that Chairman Rivers was interested in the case on the basis of press stories and had been unable to find out anything from the Pentagon. Blandford said it always "infuriates" Rivers when he can get more information from the press than from the Pentagon.

All seemed satisfied, although Woodruff commented that since

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[redacted] one of the Special Forces officers involved, was

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from [redacted] Senator Russell may want to "talk to someone" more

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about the details if [redacted] family appealed to him for assistance. See Memo for the Record.

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7. [redacted] Briefed Messrs. Blandford, Slatinshek, Woodruff and Michaels on:

a. continued standdown of Soviet air force
b. new Soviet air bases in the Far East
c. 9 August PL-1 test
d. group of Soviet naval vessels entering Mediterranean

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8. [redacted] Bill Woodruff said that Senator Russell had seen our letter on [redacted] 25X1A 25X1A operations and completely approved our solution, remarking that it would not have been feasible to try to deal with the problem under the continuing resolution.

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9. [redacted] Met with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, at his request. Murphy said he had obtained some "very sensitive" information about a recent NATO security case and asked me to obtain details, particularly regarding the possibility of compromise of U.S. atomal information. See Memo for Record.

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